CONFIDENTIAL: SPECTER

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Dear Dick and Harold,

I'm still a little shakey from the excitement I feel in such situations, but I must tell you of what just happened. I got Arlen Specter Again. On tape.

He was speaking in an informal session today, attended by about 75-100. He spoke a little and asked for questions, my hand already up, my borrowed cassett concealed in a briefcase, already on.

I asked him about the burning of the first holograph. Why he never asked Humes the reasons and why he told USN&WR that he did, a lie. He said only that he had already answered my question a year before and asked XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX what his reply was then. I told him that my recollection was that he claimed not to understand the question. He said, OK, and immediately asked for others from the audience.

At this everyone immediately began to boo. Some started shouting if he understood now, and some demanded that he answer He said that he'd answer it only if someone else would ask, for he refused to answer me. Someone said that he would assume responsibility for the question.

Specter went through the whole bullshit rap, never answering the WHY part.

I pressed him (even had the testimony with me which he used masterfully to stall with). Finally he came up with the final non-answer. I virtually pleaded that he still hadn,T explained WHY!!! He just droppedX it and went on to another person.

I'm not sure what press was there although the University certainly was covering it. Some man came up to me as I left and asked where he could contact me.

Will make a copy for both of you when I transfer it to normal tape. It's beautiful.

Best,

Howard